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Population of Minorities
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of minority youths to whom employment has been provided during the last three years; and

(b) the scheme formulated for the minorities under the skill development?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a) to (b): The Ministry of Minority Affairs implements "Seekho aur Kamao", a placement linked skill development scheme for minorities since 2013-14. Under the scheme, minority youth are provided skill development trainings on Modular Employable Skillswhich can earn them suitable employment or make them suitably skilled to go for self-employment. The scheme ensures placements of minimum 75% trainees, out of which at least 50% placement is in organized sector. As per information received from Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs), the number of trainees trained and placed under "Seekho aur Kamao" is as under:

Year No. of trainees No. of trainees No. of trainees
sanctioned trained placed/ employed
2013-14 20164 19524 15247
2014-15 20720 20686 15464
2015-16 92330 - -
(As on 31.1.2016)

Further, Ministry established Maulana Azad National Academy for Skills (MANAS) on 11/11/2014 as a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) for providing an integrated institutional arrangement, to meet all skill development /skill upgradation needs of the minority communities and provide sustainable livelihood options in terms of self-employment /wage employment opportunities with primary focus of self-employment with credit linkages. The number of minority youth provided employment is as under:

Year Self Employed Wage Employed Total Employed
2014-15 2556 2561 5117
2015-16 2137 1149 3286

In addition to above, Ministry has also launched two new schemes for skill development during 2015-16 as follows:

(i) The scheme of"USTTAD (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/ Crafts for Development)" whichaims at setting standards, building capacity and updating the traditional skills of master craftsmen and artisans.

(ii) The scheme of "Nai Manzil"is an integrated educational and livelihood initiative and aims for the benefit of the minority youth who do not have a formal school leaving certificate, i.e., those in the category of school-dropouts or educated in the community education institutions like the Madarsas, with a view to educate them along with skills and enable them to seek better employment.

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